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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**  
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Dear Sir:

This response addresses the Election requirement dated 11/25/02, with respect to the above-identified patent application. The Examiner asserted that the Application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

1.        Group 1, figures 1-4;
2.        Group 2, figures 5-8;

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3. Group 3, figure 9;
4. Group 4, figure 10;
5. Group 5, figure 11;
6. Group 6, figure 12; and
7. Group 7, figure 13.

Applicant elects without traverse to proceed with the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-19, 21 and 22.

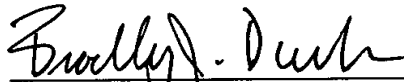
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